GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT IN IPC
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to amend the Indian Penal Code for including life term till death sans remission;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): The Dr. Justice V.S. Malimath Report on "Committee of Reforms of Criminal Justice System", submitted to the Government in 2003, recommended that section 53 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 be suitably amended to include imprisonment for life without commutation or remission as one of the punishments.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has already requested the Ministry of Law and Justice to request the Law Commission of India to examine and give a comprehensive report covering all aspects of criminal law so that comprehensive amendments can be made in the criminal laws. The Law Commission has also been requested to take into account the recommendations of Dr. Justice V.S. Malimath in its Report on "Committee of Reforms of Criminal Justice System" in this regard. The Ministry of Law and Justice has requested the Law Commission to give a comprehensive report covering all aspects of criminal law so that comprehensive amendments can be made in various laws relating to administration of criminal justice in the country.